

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE**

TERRI ANN ADAMS,	)	
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Plaintiff/Appellant,	)	Cheatham
	)	Chancery
	)	No. 8485
VS.	)	
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	)	No.
WILLIAM DAVID COOPER,	)	M1999-2664-COA-R3-CV
	)	
Defendant/Appellee.	)	

<b>FILED</b>
<b>February 29, 2000</b>
<b>Cecil Crowson, Jr.</b> <b>Appellate Court Clerk</b>

**CONCURRING OPINION**

While I concur with the results of the court's opinion, I have prepared this separate opinion because of my concern regarding the practicality and efficaciousness of the court's observations regarding continuing contempt jurisdiction when neither the parents nor the children reside in Tennessee. What possible public purpose is served by empowering the parties to use Tennessee's courts as a contempt battleground when they will be required to go elsewhere to obtain a modification of the custody arrangement? After the parents and children have moved elsewhere, a more reasonable procedure for enforcing a Tennessee custody order would be to domesticate it in the children's home state and then seek to enforce it through contempt proceedings there. By doing so, the trial court hearing the contempt matter will also have subject matter jurisdiction to modify the custody arrangement as needed. Tennessee courts in their discretion should dismiss contempt petitions involving custody orders when neither the children nor the parents have significant connections with Tennessee.

WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUDGE